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In re the application of:

Smith et al.

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SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS
FOR MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

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The reference listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of which is attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified Patent Application. Applicants submit this reference in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make this reference of official record in this Application.

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